

SOMEBODY

“Synching Our Dreams with God’s Plan”

A psalm of Asaph

¹ Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped;
I had nearly lost my foothold.

³ For I envied the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ They have no struggles;
their bodies are healthy and strong.

⁵ They are free from common human burdens;
they are not plagued by human ills.

⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
they clothe themselves with violence.

⁷ From their callous hearts comes iniquity;
their evil imaginations have no limits.

⁸ They scoff, and speak with malice;
with arrogance they threaten oppression.

⁹ Their mouths lay claim to heaven,
and their tongues take possession of the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore their people turn to them
and drink up waters in abundance.

¹¹ They say, “How would God know?
Does the Most High know anything?” Psalm 73:1-11 (NIV)

Envious of the Foolish Company

Influenced by the Foolish Company

“David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly,
saying, “Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from
everlasting to everlasting.” 1Chronicles 29:10 (NIV)

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²³ Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

²⁷ Those who are far from you will perish;
you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.

²⁸ But as for me, it is good to be near God.
I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds.” Psalm 73:23-28 (NIV)

**Walk a little more humbly, be a light in this world,
and leave a legacy, a wake of people
touched and influenced for Jesus.**

Small Group Questions

1. What are your hopes and dreams for the coming season of life? Professional? Educational? Family?
2. Do you have current “unfulfilled dreams”? Are you at a crossroads moment...change course vs. persevere forward?
3. Is there “foolish company” in your life? Are they influencing your hopes and dreams? How do their beliefs and perspectives differ from yours?
4. Read Nehemiah 6. How did they overcome the opposition to the completion of the wall? What “hopes and dreams” opposition are you facing? Can you apply Nehemiah 6 to your situation?

Recommended Reading:

Eugene H. Peterson, *Leap Over a Wall—Earthly Spirituality for Everyday Christians*. San Francisco: Harper Collins, 1997.

Tremper Longman, *How to Read the Psalms*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1988.